Employment under Scarcity Relief Works in States

498. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of persons employed every day in scarcity relief works in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat during the current year; and

(b) the expenditure incurred for providing employment to drought affected people and how much of that was provided by the Union Government as central assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The average number of persons employed every day in scarcity relief works in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat during the current year is as under:—

Madhya Pradesh	.. 5.13 lakhs
Uttar Pradesh	.. 5.43 lakhs
Rajasthan	.. 17.00 lakhs
Gujarat	.. 17.10 lakhs

(b) The Central assistance approved to these States for employment generation works under drought relief and the expenditure incurred by them till 31.1.88 is as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

	Ceiling approved	Expenditure incurred
Madhya Pradesh	53.37 (upto 30-6-88)	47.38
Uttar Pradesh	100.62 (upto 31-3-88)	28.50
Rajasthan	280.50 (upto 30-6-88)	183.74
Gujarat	204.00 (upto 30-6-88)	218.21

Inclusion of More Areas under Drought Prone Area Programme

499. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to include any more areas/districts under the Drought Prone Area Programme in view of the recurring drought conditions in those areas and also in view of the need of a long term planning to mitigate the suffering of the inhabitants of these drought prone areas due to frequent and re-current drought conditions and if so, the details thereof and is not, the reasons therefor;

(b) on what basis the DPAP districts were chosen and whether there has been any demands from various States to include more areas under the DPAP;

(c) whether Government have reviewed the impact of the Drought Prone Area Programme in various districts and to what extent the severity and recurrence of drought in these districts has been reduced as a result thereof; and

(d) the total amount spent so far under the DPAP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Some State Governments, namely, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu have suggested to include more areas under the programme. However, the present coverage of the Drought Prone Areas Programme is based on the criteria laid down, and recommendations made by the Task Force, as modified by the Inter-Departmental Group in 1984, and has been given effect to from 1985-86. Allocation of funds for the programme under the Seventh Plan has been made keeping in view this programme coverage. Moreover, this programme is only of a supplemental nature and to achieve the desired results, necessary guidelines have been issued to integrate this programme with Rural Employment Programmes like N.R.E.P. and R.L.E.G.P., anti-poverty programme of I.R.D.P., other State and Central Schemes and also with funds released for scarcity relief. It is, therefore, not considered desirable to make any change in the coverage during the course of the Seventh Five Year Plan.

(c) and (d) A comprehensive evaluation of the impact of the programme has not yet been undertaken so as to draw any general conclusion about the success of the programme. Total amount spent on the programme, since its inception works out to about Rs. 983 crores upto December, 1987.

Supply of Water in Vasant Vihar

500. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of water presently being supplied by the MCD to the residents of Vasant Vihar Government colony;

(b) the number of tubewells put up there and when those were put up;

(c) the number of those tubewells which are in working order and whose water is being supplied to the residents; and

(d) the steps being taken to provide additional water connection from JNU side expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The average quantity of water being supplied by the MCD at present to the residents of Vasant Vihar Colony is around 62,000 Gallons per day.

(b) Four tube-wells are existing at present. These were put up before December, 1986. Two more tubewells have also been bored and are likely to become operational by the end of April, 1988.

(c) Out of the 4 tube wells, existing at present, only three are in working order. However, water from only two tubewells is being supplied to the residents as the water from the third tubewell has not been found fit for drinking.

(d) Tenders have been received for laying additional water line from JNU side. The laying of the pipelines will take about six months' time as the length of the pipeline will be about 2 Kms. and most of it will be in rocky area.